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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing an interactive collaborative display in an educational environment, the system comprising:

a processing unit;

a data storage unit, operable for storing a plurality of instructions for the processing unit;

and

a large format collaboration display, wherein the large format collaboration display: is configured to;

simultaneously displays a plurality of different documents to a plurality of users[[,]];

accepts simultaneous inputs from [[a]] the plurality of users at least two of the simultaneous inputs from the plurality of users being in different documents of in at least one of the plurality of different documents[[,]]; and

supports multiple customizable cursors representing interaction of the plurality of users each of the plurality of users having each of the multiple customizable cursors;

wherein the plurality of users provide the simultaneous inputs without gaining control over the plurality of different documents.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the large format collaborative display comprises a resistive touch screen overlay for receiving input signals from the plurality of users.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the large format collaboration display is a high definition plasma display.

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4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the large format collaboration display is selected from a list consisting essentially of a liquid crystal display (LCD) and a cathode ray tube (CRT) display.

5. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the large format collaboration display comprises:

a resizable display area;

a resizable real-time communications area for monitoring communications with other students at remote locations;

a resizable collaboration area for sharing documents with other users.

6. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of input devices for simultaneous inputting signals from a plurality of users, wherein each input device comprises an identifying indicia for identifying the user associated with the particular input device.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a communications unit, operable for transmitting and receiving content over a distributed network.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of educational application programs supporting educational standards selected from the list consisting essentially of K-12 Extensible Markup Language (XML) schema and the Instructional Management Systems (IMS) schema.

9. (Currently amended) A method for sharing information between a plurality of users through a ~~large-format~~ collaborative display, the method comprising:

registering the plurality of users ~~at least one user~~;

receiving ~~at least one~~ input signals from the plurality of registered users, wherein the input signals comprise[[s]] [[a]] customizable cursors representing each of the plurality of users ~~at least one user~~;

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displaying ~~at least one~~ simultaneously to the plurality of users a plurality of different documents in the large-format collaborative display in response to ~~[[an]] the~~ input signals from the registered users;

associating at least one input device with each registered user;

receiving ~~[[an]] the~~ input signals through ~~at least one~~ input devices in contact with a resistive touch screen overlay placed on the ~~large-format~~ collaborative display;

storing the input signals in the documents and associating the stored input signals with the registered users; and

sharing the ~~stored~~ documents with at least one other user;

wherein the plurality of users provide the input signals without gaining control over the plurality of different documents.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

displaying a video image of at least one of the users in at least a portion of the ~~large-format~~ collaborative display.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising displaying the documents in real time at another ~~large-format~~ collaborative display at a remote location over a distributed network.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising displaying the video image of the registered user in at least a portion of the ~~large-format~~ collaborative displays located at the remote sites in real-time.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~large-format~~ collaboration display comprises:

a resizable display area;

a resizable real-time communications area for monitoring communications with other students at remote locations;

a resizable collaboration area for sharing documents with other users.

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14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~large-format~~ collaborative display is a high definition plasma display.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~large-format~~ collaborative display is selected from a list consisting essentially of a liquid crystal display (LCD) and a cathode ray tube (CRT) display.

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multiple customizable cursors comprise cursors selected from a library.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the cursors selected from a library comprise[[s]] cursors of various colors.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the cursors selected from a library comprise various symbols.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multiple customizable cursors are created in any application that is capable of exporting at least one of the following image formats:

graphical interchange format (GIF);

joint photographic experts group (JPEG);

portable network graphics (PNG), and

bitmap (BMP) file formats.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, the selection of the multiple customizable cursor occurs during a first time a user registers with the system and becomes part of the user's profile information.